## Nursery Stock Inspections

All nursery stock sold in Nevada is subject to inspection by the Department of Agriculture. Nursery stock dealers can expect to be visited by a Department inspector at least once every year. During the inspection you may be asked to provide documents that verify the origin of the stock you are offering for sale. Inspectors will also check to see that plants are free from pests, are in good condition, and are labeled according to state requirements. If plants are infested with a pest, are in poor condition, or found to be in violation of a quarantine or other requirement, you may be ordered to remove the plants from sale until released by the Depart-

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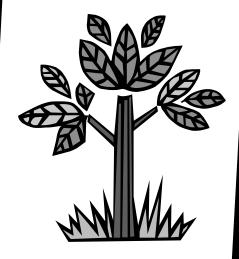
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Nevada Nursery Stock Dealer License

# Nevada Nursery and Landscape Laws

Laws and regulations concerning the sale of nursery stock in Nevada are found in Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Administrative Code (NAC) 554 and 555. "Nursery stock" means any plant



used for planting, propagation, or ornamentation and includes trees, shrubs, vines, perennials, annuals, bulbs, seed, sod, vegetable plants, etc.

Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDOA) inspectors monitor: the care and condition of nursery stock offered for sale; interstate inspection and quarantine requirements; labeling standards; pest cleanliness; and more. A brief summary of Nevada's nursery and landscape requirements follows.

License to Sell Nursery Stock (NRS 555.236) Any person who sells nursery stock must obtain a nursery stock dealer license from NDOA. This includes retail and wholesale nurseries, hardware and home improvement centers, landscapers, landscape architects, peddlers,

#### Inspection (NRS 555.244)

NDOA periodically inspects businesses that sell nursery stock. Retail and wholesale nurseries, landscapers, and hardware and home improvement stores are inspected. NDOS inspectors verify compliance with nursery stock dealer requirements and survey for pests of concern to the green industry and/or the state.

#### Freedom from Pests (NAC 555.160)



All nursery stock being offered for sale should be free of pests. If infested plants are found during an inspection the inspector may order that the stock be removed from sale until the pest is controlled. The premises on

which nursery stock is held or sold must also be free of pests that could be the source of harmful infestations.

**Labeling (NAC 555.130).** All nursery stock should be labeled with the correct common and/or botanical name and if applicable, the grade or size.

#### Care and Condition (NAC 555.150)

Nursery stock offered for sale must be healthy and stored or displayed under conditions that

will maintain its vigor.



### Inspection Certificates (NRS 555.246)

All shipments of nursery stock coming into Nevada must be accompanied by certificates

issued by the state of origin verifying that the shipping nursery has been inspected and found free of harmful pests, and if the commodity is under Nevada or federal guarantine, a "certificate of guarantine compliance" or "phytosanitary certificate". A business that accepts a shipment of nursery stock not accompanied by the required certificates risks exposing nursery stock already in their possession to harmful pests. To accept shipments without the required certificates is a violation of NRS 555.246 and could subject the receiving business to enforcement action, including substantial fines. Inspection certificates and certificates of quarantine compliance should be kept on file at the location where the plants are being sold.